Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	No. of projects	Persons
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	112	989
27.	Chandigarh	99	879
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	07	68
29.	Delhi	172	1538
30.	Pondicherry	893	8132
31.	Chhatisgarh	79	659
32.	Jharkhand	06	56
33.	Uttaranchal	44	330
	TOTAL:	1,19,714	10,99,118

Cottage Industries in Andhra Pradesh

883. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan or package for the over all development of cottage industries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present status of cottage industries in the State with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing the Rulral Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh for the development of Khadi and Village Industries including agro and rural industries. Under this scheme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of SC/ST/OBC/Women/Physically handicapped/Ex-Servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar

Island, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 lakhs it is 10% of the remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is at least 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector banks, Regional Rural Banks etc. Moreover, for the development and promotion of KVI sector, the Government had announced a package on 14.5.2001, which is under different phases of implementation. The package consists of Rebate Policy for five years, option of rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc.

(c) The performance in Andhra Pradesh under KVI programme during 2000-2001, is given below:

Production	Rs. 36119.30 lakhs
Sales	Rs. 37029.83 lakhs
Employment	3.47 lakhs

Enviornmental delay for Nuclear Power Programme

884. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the environmental delays are hampering projects meant to provide raw material for the nuclear power programme;

(b) whether Government have identified any areas for setting up of atomic power stations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action contemplated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Exploration for Uranium (raw material for Nuclear Power programme) in one of the most promising areas of the country, viz, Chitrial, Peddagattu areas in Nalgonda District,